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EXAMINING GROUP 1700**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 03327.2333-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Yasuhiro OKUMOTO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1792  
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Application No.: 10/539,246 ) Examiner: Empie, Nathan H.  
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Filed: May 9, 2006 ) Confirmation No.: 9261  
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For: PROCESSING METHOD AND ) **Mail Stop AF**  
PROCESSING APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 4, 2008, the period for response to which has been extended through December 4, 2008, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2.